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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated July 16, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

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~~--> (Amended Three Times) An agglutination immunoassay for detecting an antigen in a sample, comprising:~~

(a) sequentially contacting the sample with

(i) a first antibody which is capable of specifically binding to a first binding site on the antigen, wherein the first antibody is immobilized on an insoluble carrier, and then